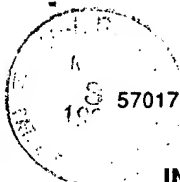


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In re Application of:

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Serial No.:

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LITHOGRAPHIC PATTERNING IN A
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Preliminary Amendment

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Sirs:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended Twice) In a [A] method [of] for lithographically
transferring [printing a two-dimensional feature] a pattern from a mask into a
radiation-sensitive material deposited over a semiconductor substrate [on a
substrate] utilizing an imaging tool, said pattern including a feature having first
and second edges, each of said first and second edges having associated edge
gradients, said first and second edges being spaced in close proximity to one
another such that said associated edge gradients interact causing said feature